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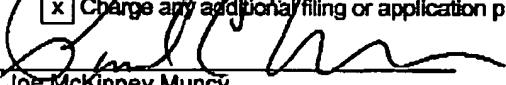
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In reply to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks.